

COMPOST AND CO-COMPOST—PROCUREMENT LANGUAGE

PRODUCT-SPECIFIC LANGUAGE

12180. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that it is the policy of the state to encourage the use of marketable end products which are produced as a result of superior waste management by counties, cities, and local agencies.

The Legislature further finds and declares that it is in the public interest to provide special consideration for the state purchase of co-compost and compost products because these products substantially reduce the need for solid waste disposal facilities, such as landfills, and will assist the state in providing new alternatives for the alarming decrease in available solid waste disposal facilities, such as landfills.

12181. For purposes of this article, "co-compost product" means an end product which meets all of the following requirements:

(a) It is derived from a blending of materials, of which at least 80 percent, whenever possible, is household refuse and the remainder is sewage sludge or other comparable substitutes, including, but not limited to, nontoxic dairy wastes, livestock and horse manure, or fish wastes.

(b) It is usable.

(c) It is produced by the waste management facilities of counties, cities, or local agencies, or of private entities.

12182. For purposes of this article, "compost product" means an end product which meets all of the following requirements:

(a) It is derived from the controlled biological decomposition of a blend of organic wastes, including, but not limited to, wood byproducts, plant waste, including, but not limited to, rice straw, yard refuse, and sewage sludge.

(b) It is usable.

(c) It is produced by the waste management facilities of counties, cities, or local agencies, or of private entities.

12183. (a) All state departments and agencies, including, but not limited to, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Water Resources, the Department of Forestry, and the Department of Parks and Recreation, shall give purchase preference to compost and

co-compost products when they can be substituted for, and cost no more than, the cost of regular fertilizer or soil amendment products, or both, if the co-compost products meet all applicable state standards and regulations, as determined by appropriate testing. The product preference shall include, but not be limited to, the construction of noise attenuation barriers and safety walls, highway planting projects, and recultivation and erosion control programs.

12184. It is the intent of the Legislature, in enacting this article, that the revenues derived from the state purchase of co-compost products will be used by counties, cities, and local agencies to offset the costs of construction, operation, and maintenance of co-compost waste disposal facilities.

12185. All state departments and agencies procuring compost and co-compost products in procurement, service, or construction contracts shall report to the department their purchasing activities, including, but not limited to, total contracting dollars, volume, and number of contracts. The department shall design an appropriate and uniform reporting mechanism which shall be made available to all state agencies.

OTHER APPLICABLE CONTRACT LANGUAGE

12153. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) It is the policy of the state to conserve and protect resources for future citizens as well as the current population of the state.

(b) It is in the best interest of the people of the state that the state alter its perception of solid waste to instead look upon this waste as resources that can be recovered and reused.

(c) It is in the best interest of reducing the increasing burden on communities disposing of the state's solid waste for the state to take a role in developing an integrated state solid waste management policy, which includes source reduction, recycling, composting, market development, incineration, and landfills. Since recycling is a necessary component of this policy, the state shall encourage the use of recycled products to ensure that the state's industries have sufficient and adequate markets for products regeneratively utilizing the state's solid waste as recycled resources.

(d) It is the policy of the state to encourage the expansion of businesses located in California and, to whatever extent possible, to look favorably on California businesses in the recycling industry, which include, but are not limited to, those California businesses that manufacture, distribute, or act as brokers for, recycled

products.

(e) Market development is the key to moving beyond the uneven collection of recyclable materials to stable resource recovery and reuse. Because of existing local collection programs, significant quantities of recycled resources such as the following are today available for purchase: fine grades of paper, high-quality paper products, plastics, retreaded automobile tires, rerefined lubricating oil, reused automotive parts, reclaimed solvents, recycled asphalt, recycled concrete, carpet or geotextiles composed of recycled plastics, compost and co-compost products, and steel products.

(f) In making these findings, the Legislature declares that the policy and intent of this chapter is to set an example for the state and nation to encourage the purchase of products utilizing recycled resources.

(g) It is the intent of the Legislature, whenever economically feasible and as markets allow, to continually expand the policies of the state to utilize recycled resources in the daily operations of the state. This includes, but is not limited to, the procurement and purchase of recycled materials, the use of recycled resources in the performance of a service or project for the state, and the purchase of equipment used for the collection and sale of waste materials generated by the state.

(h) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of General Services work with all state departments, agencies, the Legislature, the California Integrated Waste Management Board, and the Department of Conservation to draft, establish, and implement policies that ensure the procurement and use of recycled resources.

(i) It is also the intent of the Legislature to encourage local public agencies and private companies to adopt policies to maximize the use of recycled resources.

12159. (a) If a recycled product, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 12200, costs more than the same product made with virgin material, the state agency shall, if feasible, purchase fewer of those more costly products or apply the cost savings, if any, gained from buying other recycled products towards the purchase of those more costly products to meet the solid waste diversion goals of Section 41780.

(b) All state agencies shall, if feasible, establish purchasing practices which ensure the purchase of materials, goods, and supplies that may be recycled or reused. Each state agency shall initiate activities for the collection, separation, and recycling of recyclable materials and may appoint a recycling coordinator to assist in implementing this section.

12200. For the purpose of this article:

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), "recycled product" means all materials, goods, and supplies, no less than 50 percent of

the total weight of which consists of secondary and postconsumer material with not less than 10 percent of its total weight consisting of postconsumer material. A recycled product shall include any product that could have been disposed of as solid waste having completed its life cycle as a consumer item, but otherwise is refurbished for reuse without substantial alteration of its form.

(2) "Recycled product" also means other flat rolled steel products no less than 25 percent of the total weight of which consists of secondary and postconsumer material, with not less than 10 percent of total weight consisting of postconsumer material. Products made with flat rolled steel meeting these content percentages include, but are not limited to, automobiles, cans, appliances, and office furniture and supplies.

(b) "Postconsumer material" means a finished material that would have been disposed of as a solid waste, having completed its life cycle as a consumer item, and does not include manufacturing wastes.

(c) "Secondary material" means fragments of finished products or finished products of a manufacturing process that has converted a resource into a commodity of real economic value, and includes postconsumer material, but does not include excess virgin resources of the manufacturing process.

12205. (a) All state agencies shall require all contractors to certify in writing the minimum percentage, if not the exact percentage, of postconsumer and secondary material in the materials, goods, or services provided or used. This certification shall be furnished under penalty of perjury.